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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 10 a.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Great Shepherd of the universe, You are in our coming in and going forth. You are present with us in our mountaintop experiences but also in the valley of the shadow of death.

Lead our Senators today in the green pastures of Your wisdom and beside the still waters of Your righteousness. Let Your love motivate them to be instruments of Your providence in our world.

Inspire each of us to strive not merely for success but for faithfulness. Help us to live not looking for human approval but with our eyes steadfastly fixed on You. Grant us wisdom to clearly know and power to faithfully fulfill Your commands.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BURR led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 4, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURR thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning, following the 1-hour period of morning business, we will resume debate on the Defense appropriations bill. Yesterday afternoon, we locked in an agreement which requires all first-degree amendments to be filed at the desk no later than 10:30 this morning. Senators STEVENS and INOUE will be here and be able to determine which

amendments can be agreed to on both sides.

Senators are expected to come to the Senate today and offer their amendments to the Defense bill. I hope Members will take advantage of today's session and not postpone and delay until later in the week. Although we will not be voting today, the Senate can debate those amendments, and stacked votes begin tomorrow evening. I expect we will have multiple votes tomorrow evening in relation to the amendments on the Defense bill.

We will finish this bill prior to adjourning for next week's recess. We will be voting on Friday of this week. Again, we have not voted on very many Fridays over the last 8 months, but we will be voting on Friday this week.

We are also trying to reach consent agreements for consideration of the pensions bill which the Democrat leader and I were just talking about, a very important bill, and we are in the final stages of preparation of that bill. Once that is available, we will do our best as leadership to bring that to the Senate in a timely fashion. We hope to have that agreement and are also working on potential agreement on the Defense authorization bill as well. Once agreements are in place, we will be ready to bring those to our colleagues.

BALI BOMBINGS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Saturday night, on the Indonesian island of Bali, suicide bombers attacked 3 crowded cafés, killing 25 people and wounding many more. People from 22 nations

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